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FOR MATTHEW NIMETZ FROM GLEYSSTEEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MICRONESIANS RE STATUS TALKS

1. WE SUGGEST REVISING MANHARD'S PROPOSAL FOR AN URGENT MISSION TO MICRONESIA AS FOLLOWS: A MESSAGE SIGNED BY SECRETARY VANCE SHOULD INVITE THE MICRONESIAN LEADERSHIP TO A MEETING IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY, WITH THE PRECISE DATE AND THE LOCATION TO BE SET LATER. THE MESSAGE WOULD BE DELIVERED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BY BENNETT, RATHER THAN BY A SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM WASHINGTON.

2. THE URGENCY OF THE MESSAGE HAS LESSENED BECAUSE THE PALAUANS AND MARSHALLESE APPARENTLY DO NOT PLAN AN IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON. PROVIDING THAT YOU  
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CONCUR, WE PROPOSE TO APPROACH THE SECRETARY ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MESSAGE CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING DRAFT CABLE TO BENNETT BE SUBMITTED TO THE NSC FOR APPROVAL AND DELIVERY TO THE MICRONESIANS OVER THE SECRETARY'S NAME. THE MESSAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN CLEARED WITH THE NSC OR OTHER AGENCIES. BEGIN  
QUOTE: PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY

VANCE TO PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA; SPEAKER HENRY, AND THE  
SPEAKER OF EACH DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

INNER QUOTE: I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF MY INTEREST IN  
CLOSE US RELATIONS WITH MICRONESIA AND MY CONFIDENCE  
THAT WE CAN NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF  
MICRONESIA THAT WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF  
MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

MY GOVERNMENT IS URGENTLY CONDUCTING A THOROUGH AND WIDE-  
RANGING REVIEW OF ITS POSITION ON MICRONESIA. WE EXPECT  
TO COMPLETE THIS STUDY BY EARLY SPRING. I SHOULD LIKE  
THEREFORE TO PROPOSE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF MICRONESIA  
MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN LATE  
APRIL OR EARLY MAY FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF OUR RELATION-  
SHIP AND OF HOW WE MIGHT BEST PROCEED WITH DETAILED  
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF MICRONESIA.

I ASK EACH OF YOU TO WHOM THIS LETTER IS ADDRESSED TO  
ADVISE ME, EITHER IN A COORDINATED REPLY OR SEPARATELY,  
OF THE NAMES OF THOSE FROM MICRONESIA WHO WOULD ATTEND  
THIS MEETING AND OF ANY PREFERENCE AS TO EXACT DATES AND  
THE LOCATION OF THE MEETING, WHETHER IN MICRONESIA,  
HAWAII OR WASHINGTON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY RESPONSE AND TO A FRUITFUL  
DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT BOTH TO  
MICRONESIA AND TO THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY,  
CYRUS VANCE END INNER QUOTE.

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YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE ADDRESSEES THAT THE US PLANS TO  
MAKE THIS LETTER PUBLIC AFTER IT HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND  
THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE NOT OBJECT TO PUBLICATION OF  
THEIR RESPONSE.

YOU MAY ALSO EXPLAIN THAT THE US DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT  
THE SPRING MEETING WOULD CONSTITUTE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.  
INSTEAD IT WOULD BE AN INFORMAL EXPLORATORY SESSION AT  
WHICH THE US WOULD HOPE TO OFFER NEW IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS,  
TO LISTEN TO MICRONESIAN VIEWS, AND TO TAKE PART IN A  
MUTUAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION OF THE VARIOUS POS-  
SIBILITIES BEFORE US. ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE TO MEET AT A  
SINGLE MEETING WITH DELEGATES REPRESENTING ALL OF  
MICRONESIA, NOT AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTA-  
TIVES OF SEPARATE DISTRICTS, AND ANY DISTRICT'S APPROACH  
FOR A SEPARATE MEETING SHOULD BE FIRMLY REJECTED. YOU  
SHOULD ADVISE US IMMEDIATELY IF REPRESENTATIVES OF PALAU  
OR THE MARSHALLS MOVE TO SEND SEPARATE DELEGATIONS TO

WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING WE HAVE PROPOSED.  
END QUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU APPROVE

THE SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION.

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